

6 INCREDIBLY SIZZLING LEGAL TIPS FOR WRITERS

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- A. Tip #1: The “Sliver Copyright”
 - Statue of Liberty Stamp
 - Lessons Learned:
 - Obtain photos from the original source
 - Public Domain isn’t always public domain
 - “Slivers” can be copyrighted
 - Image litigation is sizzling!

- B. Tip #2: “Till Death Do Us Part”
 - “As long as the work is published”
 - “For the length of copyright and all extensions”
 - Lessons Learned: Read the contract!

- C. Tip #3: Then and Now: March 4, 2019: U.S. Supreme Court,
 - Then: Application was Enough
 - Now: Copyright Office Approval is Required
 - Lesson Learned: File early

- D. Tip #4: Joint Copyright
 - Original and Tangible = Establishing Copyright
 - Choosing to co-write
 - Whoops!
 - Lesson Learned: Have an Agreement

- E. Tip #5: Memoir or Fiction?
 - Running with Scissors
 - Lesson Learned: Don’t assume

- F. Q and A

Thank you!